

DISTRICT V ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

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**Novembers 6, 2006
7:00 p.m.**

**Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse
443 S. 135th West**

Eight (8) District Advisory Board Members attended the District V Advisory Board meeting. Also in attendance were five (5) City staff. Approximately 15 members of the public were present with 13 signing the sign-in sheet.

Members Present

Dave Almes
Bob Bulman
Dave Dennis
Maurice Ediger
Andy Johnson
John Marker
Clarke Sandberg
Ann Welborn
Council Member Bob Martz

Staff Present

Chief Norman Williams, Police
Officer Francisco Tejada, Police
Bill Hoffman, Environmental Services
Rachelle Moody, City Manager's Office
Dana Brown, City Manager's Office

Members Absent

Jerry Hoggatt
DeAnn Sullivan

Guests

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Call to Order

Council Member Bob Martz called the meeting to order at 7:05. He explained to the public that the District Advisory Board (DAB) acted in an advisory nature to provide recommendations to him as the Council Member of District V. He asked that the public wait until given the opportunity to speak on agenda items during the Board's review. He also asked persons to be courteous and refrain from debating or making disrespectful comments or actions while others were speaking.

He then asked for approval of the minutes for the October 1, 2006 meeting. The minutes were approved as written by a vote of 8-0 (**Bulman/Johnson**). The agenda for the meeting was changed to add comments from staff of the Environmental Services Department.

The Council Member then introduced and welcomed a new youth member representing Maize High School, Cole Gillenwater. He noted that a large majority of the students in District V attended Maize High School but Goddard, Northwest, and Bishop Carroll were also located in the District.

Staff Reports

Wichita Police Department

Officer Francisco (Ricky) Tejeda, Beat 18, reported for all beats in District V. In Beat 18, glow-sticks and glow-bracelets were handed out to children for use on Halloween to increase their safety. He reported 4 Residential Burglaries, 2 Non-Residential Burglaries, 14 Larcenies, 5 Auto Thefts, and 1 Weapon (BB gun) confiscated.

In Beat 19, efforts have been made to prevent vehicles for sale from being parked at the Fleming gas station at the NE corner of the Maize & 13th intersection, by request of the property owner. Police have issued 23 citations. Vandalism with BB guns has also been reported in Beats 19 & 199. One area particularly hit was North Ridge Lakes Homeowner Association.

Beat 199 had 2 Robberies. Police are working with Goddard, Northwest, and Maize High Schools to try to identify the suspects.

DAB Member Maurice Ediger asked if Police Officers could pick up campaign signs in the right of ways to which **Officer Tejeda** said Police could do this but it was a lower priority for them. **Ediger** asked if OCI should be called instead to which **Officer Tejeda** said that would probably be best. **Staff** asked if Officer Tejeda knew how long the signs could remain in place after the election but that was not known. (Since the meeting, staff has learned that signs must be removed within one week.)

Chief Norman Williams then spoke, giving an update on several aspects of policing. He said that 38 new officers were added between 1999 & 2006 in support of public safety. In addition, a new beat was added in District V. He recognized the support of Council Member Martz for public safety of the community.

Chief Williams also reported that the community had an issue with gangs feuding this past August & September. At that time, the top 15 violent gang members were identified to be removed from the streets. To date, Police have arrested 13 of those gang members. Overall, 134 gang members have been arrested and 10 of those have federal charges pending. A suspect convicted through the federal system must serve about 85% of their sentence before they are eligible for parole. The 85% requirement does not include homicides cases. With the arrests, 24 guns have been confiscated.

In addition, Chief Williams said that major crime has been reduced in the past two years. Major crimes include aggravated assault, auto theft, burglary, larceny, homicide, rape and robbery. Chief Williams said the arrests have been made possible through the Police and community working in partnerships. He expressed his appreciation of the help and caring that the community has demonstrated. In addition, Chief Williams said that major crime has been reduced in the past two years, including homicides.

DAB Members asked questions and make comments about gang members, changes in work shifts, summer uniforms, un-marked police cars, and WPD working with Immigration. **Chief Williams** said that WPD does work with Immigration on gang violence. **DAB Member Ann Welborn** told about an incident involving a child with a BB gun at school, asking about the legality of the parent purchasing it. **Chief Williams** said that the purchase is legal.

New Business

CON2006-00045

The Board considered a request from the staff report to permit construction of a neighborhood swimming pool and neighborhood recreation area on Lots 37, 38 and 39, Block D, Tyler's Landing 3rd Addition. The 0.75-acre subject property is located west and south of north Forest Ridge Street. The subject property is currently zoned SF-5 Single-family Residential and is undeveloped. A neighborhood swimming pool may be permitted on the subject property as a Conditional Use.

The report addressed typical points of concern such:

- 1) The residential character of surrounding area as the Tyler's Landing Homeowners Association;
- 2) None of the properties immediately adjacent to the area have yet been sold so if improvements are approved which means they will exist when those properties are considered for purchase in the future;
- 3) Screening will be required for the area; and,
- 4) Planning Department has received no protests or calls regarding the request even though approximately 15-20 notification letters were sent to property owners within the required 200-foot radius of the subject property.

Terry Smythe, Agent for the owner, stated that he had been meeting with the Homeowner Association on planning for the amenities. He also said that the appropriate landscaping would be included in the plan as screening.

No members of the public spoke about the request.

DAB Members asked the Agent for confirmation that properties adjacent to the subject area had not yet been sold and that the developer agreed to necessary screening for the area, accordingly to Conditional Use requirements. Smythe acknowledged that both were accurate.

The District V Advisory Board voted 8: 0 to recommend approval subject to MAPC conditions.

Action: Recommended approval

Environmental Services Department

Bill Hoffman, Environmental Services Manager, presented information about the responsibilities of the department to enforce the city codes pertaining to premise conditions. He handed out a Fact Sheet showing the breakdown of the cases by number for each council district. Hoffman said that six inspectors covered the entire city for follow up and tracking of each complaint. District V has about 8% of the total number of cases for the city. Hoffman asked if anyone had specific addresses of concerns that they'd like to report. He also said that staff would return in December for a more detailed report.

Action: Receive and file.

Citizens Survey & Transforming Wichita

Rachelle Moody, City Manager's Office Intern, presented a "snapshot" of the survey results and how this information relates to the goals of Transforming Wichita. A portion of the information showed how residents in District V responded to the survey. Moody reported that 34% (967) of the people who received the survey responded to it. In District V, 18% (176) of the city total participated in the survey.

The survey indicated that for the majority of questions more than 40% of District V residents surveyed (1) interacted with City government, (2) utilized public facilities; and (3) were satisfied overall with arts, culture, and events. Regarding all district responses for investing tax dollars, the preference appeared to be park expansion, additional fire, and additional street maintenance.

Several questions were asked by the **Board** for clarification of the responses and how the topics pertained to City services and District V. **Council Member Martz** expressed concerns about the survey question reporting that are phrased, "To what degree would you support or oppose. . ." ¹ as he didn't think this information was helpful.

Action: Receive and file.

Public Agenda

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for citizens to present items not shown as part of the regular meeting agenda.

No items were presented from the public.

Board Agenda

Updates, Issues, and Reports

Report on activities, events, or concerns in the neighborhoods and/or District V.

Council Member Martz reported on several projects:

Central Improvement project to straighten the street between 119th & 135th Streets is still going forward even though obstacles have been encountered. Construction is expected within one year.

Cadillac Lake area is not yet being planned for development due to several issues. The area is still primarily agriculture and the U.S. Corp of Engineers and the City Engineers cannot agree on how to handle drainage—the Corp supports keeping the area as wetlands while the City supports creating retention facilities. The City would need to spend \$1.7 million for drainage but Council Member Martz is not concerned about this expenditure, as the City would recover the cost. In addition, New Market Square has two existing retention ponds and can't add any more development until drainage development is complete. The final alternatives at this point include (1) not improving at this time, or (2) the City going forward with building drainage facilities and recovering the cost as the area develops.

Council Member Martz & Council Member Sue Schlapp have been working with the USD 259 School Board on an agreement for funding of School Resource Officers. The current proposal

¹ Pages 18-21 of the 2006 City of Wichita Citizen Survey Analysis

for the School Board requests that both the Board and the City provide 50% of the support funding for the SROs. Several **Board Members** expressed the opinion that the City should not have to fund the SROs for the school system.

DAB Members reported on the following:

Dave Almes reported on his service on the Community Services Block Grant Committee. He felt that most of the Committee's work was approving what the administrators asked them to approve—a pre-determined agenda. The result was almost always a unanimous vote. He provided the breakdown of the funding for different uses including Summer of Discovery, Career Development (SRS), Project Access, Neighborhood City Halls, Neighborhood Cleanups, Alcohol Prevention Treatment Program, Homeless Assistance, and City Administration.

Bob Bulman reported on the study for the Highway 235 exits of Kellogg and Central. He provided some details about the meeting held on October 26 by the design firm in which concepts were presented for public input. The next meeting will be held on December 13 and John Marker has agreed to attend in Bulman's place, as he is unable to go to the meeting. It will be held in the Idea Center on the 13th Floor of City Hall.

Council Member Martz noted that three Council Districts are involved in the outcomes of this study and that all three Council Members are very interested in positive resolutions for these traffic situations. He said the Council would have a workshop on this project on December 14.

Action: Received and file.

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next meeting for District Advisory Board V will be scheduled at Auburn Hills Clubhouse at **7:00 p.m. on November 6, 2006**, the regular meeting date of first Monday of the month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Brown, Neighborhood Assistant
City Council District V

Guests

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| Bryan Frye | 1309 Ridge Port, 67205 |
| Paul Tobia | 12103 Ridge Point, 67235 |
| Clete Dold | 218 S. Breezy Pt. Circle, 67235 |
| Bianca L. Montagning | 8909 Ryan Circle, 67205 |
| Tom Tremain | Boy Scout Leader of Troop 450 |
| Boy Scouts (8) | Boy Scout Troop 450 |